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SUBJ: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER OF ECUADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WAS VERY DIS-
APPOINTED THAT THE PRIVATE MEETING WE TRIED TO ARRANGE
AT MEXICO CITY DID NOT WORK OUT BECAUSE OF LAST MINUTE
CONFERENCE BUSINESS ON SATURDAY. HOWEVER, THE O.A.S.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN ATLANTA MAY PROVIDE ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. THE FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS OF THE MANY TOPICS ON
THE AGENDA AT MEXICO CITY WERE OF GREAT VALUE TO ME, AND
I HOPE THAT THESE EXCHANGES WILL MARK THE START OF A NEW
ERA CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR
NATIONS AND BY PROGRESS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIFIC
MATTERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO ENCOURAGE THE NEW SPIRIT FOSTERED BY THE CONFERENCE,
WHICH I EXPECT WILL COME TO BE VIEWED AS ONE OF THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT AND PRODUCTIVE INTER-AMERICAN MEETINGS OF
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RECENT YEARS. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WANT TO ADD A
SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 14,
IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR SUPPORT FOR A SINCERE,
FRANK AND OBJECTIVE DIALOGUE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE

HEMISPHERE. SUCH A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS WE DISCUSSED IN MEXICO CITY.

4. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PLEASED I AM AT THE MANY POSITIVE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES DURING RECENT MONTHS. I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN QUITO EITHER THROUGH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH OR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER TO OBTAIN YOUR VIEWS ON HOW WE MIGHT FIND SOME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE MEANS OF DEALING WITH OUTSTANDING BILATERAL MATTERS. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

5. FYI. LUCIO PAREDES LETTER OF FEBRUARY 14 REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 IS RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S PRE-CONFERENCE LETTER OF FEBRUARY 6 AND WAS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO DURING HIS FEBRUARY 26 MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN (REPORTED SEPTEL). TEXT OF LUCIO PAREDES LETTER BEING POUCHED. END FYI. CASEY

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